[Translation]

Foreign Aided Projects

2742. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign aided projects being implemented in the National Capital Territory of Delhi at present alongwith their locations;

(b) the amount released by the Union Government and the Government of Delhi for these projects separately;

(c) the project-wise time schedule for completion of these projects;

(d) whether the Government of Delhi have submitted any other proposal to the Union Government requesting for seeking more financial aid from the international agencies for some other developmental projects in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Information is given in the annexed statement.

(d) to (f). There are four proposals for developmental projects which have been received from the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi. These are the Mass Rapid Transportation System; Upgradation of Roads, Improvement in Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System and improvement in the Referral Health Services in Delhi. These proposals have been posed to the OECF (Japan), World Bank, France and World Bank, respectively for external assistance.

STATEMENT

Details of ongoing externally aided Projects in the National Capital Territory of Delhi

S.No.	Project	Donor Agency	Amount released by GOI & Govt. of Delhi a*	Terminal date of Completion
1.	Construction of Nizamuddin Bridge	Japan	Yen 66.8 million	31.3.98
2.	Kalawati Saran Children Hospital	Japan	Yen Nil	31.3.97
3.	Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking	Nether-lands	NLG 3.782 million	31.12.96

a* The Government of Delhi is not required to make any contribution for these projects.

Apart from these location -specific projects, there are several externally-aided national level programmes and multi-state schemes which are being implemented all over the country including several locations in National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Obstructions in Economic Development

2743. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assured the representatives of Trade and Industry for removal of all the obstructions of economic development, streamlining the process for granting approval to the projects and strengthening of the infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d). Under the liberalised Industrial Policy, 1991 Government has taken several measures to remove the restrictions placed on the industries with a view to enable the domestic industries achieve economic growth and development, and attain international competitiveness. The procedural reforms have been carried out to curtail the delays in the grant of licences. Majority of industries have been delicenced except a short-list of 15 industries.

The Government has announced in the annual Budget 1996-97, a provision of Rs.5000 crores for an Infrastructure Development with a view to strengthen the infrastructure. Review of policy and procedures is an on-going exercise and is constantly carried out to simplify and streamline procedures.

[English]

Projects Financed by European Community

2744. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the European community propose to finance some major projects of India;

(b) if so, details of such projects; and

(c) the amount likely to be invested in each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). Economic cooperation with European Union is an on-going process. Some of the development cooperation projects which are likely to be financed by European Union are :

1. Community Forestry in Haryana - EC grant ECU 23.30 million.

2. Ravine Stabilisation Project in UP - EC grant ECU 7.90 million.

3. Tank Rehabilitation Project in Pondicherry EC grant ECU 6.65 million.

Production And Export of Tea

2745. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable decline in the production of tea which is likely to affect tea exports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action to increase the production of tea so that the exports of tea can be promoted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The production of tea during January to May, 1996, is estimated to be 18.80 million Kg. more than corresponding period of 1995.

(c) and (d). In order to increase production, Tea Board has been operating various developmental schemes. The Board has also prepapred a perspective plan to increase production of tea which includes short term measures such as optimisation of inputs and improved agricultural practices, medium term measures such as improvement of irrigation and drainage, rejuvenation, pruning and infilling and also long term measures like replanting and extension planting by bringing new areas under tea.

Profit/Losses By NTC Units

2746. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the losses/profits incurred by the each unit of NTC during the year 1995-96, state-wise;

(b) the allocation proposed to be made for revival of sick NTC mills during the above period;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide funds for the modernisation of profit earning units of the NTC particularly to Cannanore in Kerala and Mahe in the Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) A statement is attached indicating provisional loss suffered by the mills under NTC statewise in 1995-96.

(b) to (d). On account of net worth erosion, 8 out of 9 subsidiaries of NTC excluding NTC (TN&P) Ltd. have been referred to and declared sick by BIFR.

Government has approved a revised Turn Around Strategy for NTC mills involving, inter-alia modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs.2005.72 crores, restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable units, etc. The funds for modernisation will be met out of the sale proceeds of surplus land and assets of NTC mills. For Cannanore Mills, Cannnanore, it is proposed to invest a sum of Rs.10.52 crores for modernisation, as part of the revised Turn Around Strategy. In regard to Cannanore Mills, Mahe, the modernisation was implemented during the 7th plan period at an investment of Rs.3.85 crores. The strategy has been placed before the BIFR for their final approval before implementation. Pending approval of this strategy, Government has been meeting the shortfall faced by NTC in payment of wages, salaries and bonus funds required for VRS are also provided from NRF.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Mill-wise State-wise Net profit/Loss 1995-96

(Rs. in crores)

Sr.	Mill-Name	1995-96 Provn.
1	2	3
	Delhi	
1.	Ajudhia Mills	-4.28
	Punjab	
2.	Dayalbagh Mills	-2.97
3.	Suraj Textile	-2.49
4.	Kharar Textile	-2.58
5.	Panipat Mills	-2.25
	Rajasthan	
6.	Sri Bijay Mills	-1.48
7.	Udaipur Mills	-2.56
8.	Mahalaxmi Mills	-2.03
9.	Edward Mills	-2.68
	Madhya Pradesh	
10.	Hira Mills	-5.23
11.	Swadeshi Mills	-4.77
12.	New Bhopal Mill	-5.26
13.	Burhanpur Mills	-4.70
14.	Bengal Nagur	-8.92